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The Slovenian Skupstina has approved the political and administrative division of Slovenia into three oblasts, as follows:

Gorica Oblast, with its seat at Gorica and a temporary seat at Postojna, including the following areas: Goricka Idrija, Ilirska Bistrica, Postojna, Sezana, and Tolmin, with a total population of 187,000.

Ljubljana Oblast, with its seat at Ljubljana, including the following areas: Celje suburbs, Crnomelj, Grosuplje, Jesenice, Kamnik, Kocerje, Kranj, Krsko, Ljubljana suburbs, Mozirje, Novo Mesto, Trbovlje, Trebinje, and Celje city, with a total population of 680,000.

Maribor Oblast, containing the following areas: Dravograd, Lendava, Ljutomer, Maribor suburbs, Murska Sobota, Poljane, Ptuj, Raasana, and Maribor city, with a total population of 486,000.

As the capital city of Slovenia, Ljubljana will not be included in an oblast, but will have a special administrative unit of its own.

The oblast governments will relieve the Republic government of minor administrative tasks and of duties connected with trade and crop purchase. The new oblasts are expected to be functioning by 1 June.

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